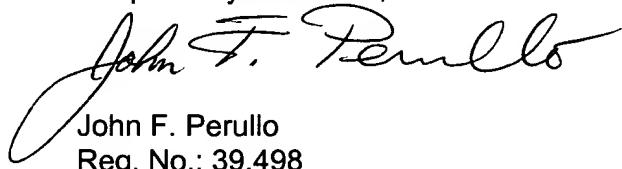


**REMARKS**

Claim amendments are presented in this preliminary amendment to correct grammatical errors that were present in the claims as filed. No new matter has been added and the amendments are not being made to address the merits of patentability of the claims. Separate pages showing the changes made and showing the changes in clean form are also attached to this preliminary amendment.

Entry of this preliminary amendment prior to consideration of the patentability of the claims is hereby requested.

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**Version of Changes with Markings to Show Changes Made**

**Claims**

5. (Amended) An agent delivery system comprising:
  - a pellet containing a therapeutic substance;
  - a flexible and [plantable] implantable body defining an interior sized to accept the pellet and having proximal and distal ends, wherein [. The] the proximal end [being] is sized to accept the pellet and the body further having at least one opening sized to permit bodily fluid to enter the interior [of the device] but sized to prevent the pellet from exiting the interior [of the device];
  - an implant delivery device;
  - a pellet delivery tube engagable with the proximal end of the body.

**Version of Changes in Clean Form**

**Claims**

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5. (Amended) An agent delivery system comprising:  
a pellet containing a therapeutic substance;  
a flexible and implantable body defining an interior sized to accept the pellet and  
having proximal and distal ends, wherein the proximal end is sized to accept the pellet  
and the body further having at least one opening sized to permit bodily fluid to enter the  
interior but sized to prevent the pellet from exiting the interior;  
an implant delivery device;  
a pellet delivery tube engagable with the proximal end of the body.